

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 290 - SB 578

February 20, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) from issuing a permit for surface coal mining operations that alter or disturb a ridgeline over 2,000 feet above sea level. Surface mining activities that are incidental to underground mining are exempt from these prohibitions.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- A slight decrease in the number permits issued or renewed for surface coal mining activities. According to TDEC, applications for these permits are rare and any decrease in state revenue associated with a decline in permit issuance will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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